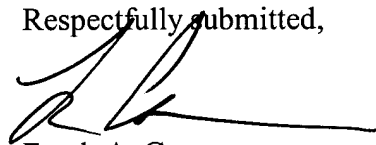


REMARKS

Prior to an action on the merits, the Applicant has amended the claims to make clear that the invention is not limited to thermostats that may be used for such as daily or weekly operation, but includes any thermostat having a controller, such as other types of electronic and programmable thermostats, some of which may also be referred to in the industry as “digital” thermostats, which maintain a single set point temperature, for example. No narrowing amendments have been made and no new matter has been added.

We respectfully submit that the solicited claims are clearly patentable over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank A. Cona', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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